

BUILDING BRIDGES: FROM CONVICTION TO EMPLOYMENT

Wednesday, January 15, 2003

**Herbert Welte Hall
Central Connecticut State University
New Britain, CT**

Host: Dr. Richard L. Judd, President of CCSU
MC: William R. Dyson, State Representative, New Haven

8:00 - Registration/Continental Breakfast (Welte Hall)

8:30 - Welcoming Remarks

9:00 - Keynote Address: MICHAEL JACOBSON, Ph.D., Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
JAMES AUSTIN, Ph.D., Director, Institute of Crime, Justice, and Corrections at
George Washington University
ERIC CADORA, Grants Officer, Open Society Institute, New York

10:00 - From Conviction to Employment: Two former offenders discuss their personal experiences

10:45 - Panel Presentation, *"The Role of the Ex-Offender in Today's Economy"*

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Cox, Chair, Dept. of Criminology & Criminal Justice, CCSU
Sam Agnello, Employment Sup., Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
Frank Crandall, Educational Training of Wethersfield /New London
Nora Duncan, CT Association of Non-profits
Craig Hoekenga, CEO, Microboard Processing Inc., Shelton
John Tirinzonie, Director Job Development, CT Department of Labor
Mike Bartley, Regional Job Center Director, CT Department of Labor

Noon - Luncheon (provided) in Alumni Hall, located in CCSU's new Student Center

Speakers: Wallace Barnes, Chair, CT Employment and Training Commission
Shaun Cashman, Commissioner, CT Department of Labor
Patricia Wilson-Coker, Commissioner, CT Department of Social Services
John Armstrong, Commissioner, CT Department of Correction

1:30 - Briefing on Justice Reinvestment Initiative
by Eric Cadora and Bob Schall, Director of the Self-Help Ventures Fund

2:00 - Panel Presentation, *"Reinvesting Justice Dollars in the Employment of Ex-Offenders"*

Moderator: Rep. William R. Dyson, New Haven
William Carbone, Director of Court Support Services, CT Judicial Branch
Dr. Patrick Hynes, Director of Program Development, CT Dept. of Correction
Michael Lawlor, State Representative, East Haven
Lawrence McHugh, President, Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
Gail Sturges, Director of Forensics, CT DMHAS
Renee La Mark Muir, Program Review and Investigations Committee

3:30 - Next Steps: Rep. William R. Dyson

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